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Federal Communications Commission
ATTN: Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT-11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I have represented Clinton and Centre Counties, a largely rural area, in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 1991. Through the years, I have watched as technology and broadband access has expanded and grown throughout the Commonwealth. However, a greater expansion in our rural communities is still needed. In order for communities to prosper in the areas of education, health care and economic development, the expansion of broadband coverage in our rural communities is crucial.

As an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman, expansion of broadband coverage that this merger will bring is not only an issue of convenience—more importantly, it is an issue of safety.

That is why I am writing you today in support of the AT&T-T-Mobile merger. This potential merger will expand broadband coverage to thousands of communities across Pennsylvania like the ones that I represent.

I hope that as you deliberate, you will take these issues under consideration. Your favorable approval of this merger will have a much needed impact on our rural communities and America's sportsmen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hanna".

Michael Hanna
Democratic Whip
Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
District 76-Centre and Clinton Counties